GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST DD PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints/ representations regarding the poor quality of Doordarshan programmes during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government contemplate to ban vulgar films and programmes on all the channels of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the time by which this ban is expected to be imposed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that complaints/ suggestions in respect ofprogrammes telecast on Doordarshan are received from time to time from various quarters and remedial action is taken, wherever necessary.

(c)&(d): Doordarshan telecasts only those films which are certified by Central Board ofFilm Certification (CBFC) for universal exhibition. Doordarshan previews films before telecast on its channels in accordance with the provisions of Broadcast Code to ensure that they do not contain any undesirable violence, vulgarity, etc. As regards other programmes telecast on Doordarshan, it is ensured that these conform to the provisions of Broadcast Code.